



# Arjuna Vishada Yoga



I OFFER MY PRANAAMS AT THE LOTUS FEET OF BHAGVAN BABA (KRISHNA)

## ***GITA Chapter 1 , The Flow Charts***

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॥ मा मनस्वी मा धिमा मा क्षीण ॥

**Based on teachings of  
Bhagvad gita Study by Bhakti Caitanya Swami.**

# Gita -

Selfish karma

Chapter 1  
Kauravas

Through the practice of nishkāma karma yoga  
(Unselfish)

Chapter 2

There is an increase of knowledge.  
with knowledge of **the soul as distinct from matter,**

Fifth chapter how it should increase up to the level of the Supersoul,  
as the person advances in  
**working in the detached spirit, for liberation,  
with good association.**

Chapter 5

but when his knowledge increases and  
he understands how the material world is running,  
and that **there is a higher controller,** as seen in the fifth chapter,  
**then he develops a consciousness of the Supersoul**

When one performs  
nishkāma karma  
yoga **on the level of  
knowledge of the  
soul only,** then he  
tends to remain  
impersonal,

In the sixth chapter the idea that the Supersoul is an expansion of  
Krishna will be introduced, and then finally that one should relate  
with Krishna through bhakti.

Chapter 6



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# Chapter 1 :

## Visada Yoga

Yoga of the Despondency of Arjuna

{46 Slokas / Verses}

### IMPORTANT VERSES FROM CHAPTER 1 AND 2:

1.1, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 20, 22, 23, 24, 40, 41, 44,  
45, 59, 60, 62, 63, 64. & **2.7**,

Particularly: 12, 13, 14, 20, 22, 40, 41, 44, 59, 62, 63.

## The number of Slokas (Verses ) in each chapter

	Dhrutarastra	Sanjaya	Arjuna	Krishna	Total Verses
CHAPTER 1	1	25	21	1 Sentence part of sloka 25	47
CHAPTER 2		3	6	63	72
CHAPTER 3			3	40	43
CHAPTER 4			1	41	42
CHAPTER 5			1	28	29
CHAPTER 6			5	42	47
CHAPTER 7				30	30
CHAPTER 8			2	26	28
CHAPTER 9				34	34
CHAPTER 10			7	35	42
CHAPTER 11		8	33	14	55
CHAPTER 12			1	19	20
CHAPTER 13			1	34	34/35
CHAPTER 14			1	26	27
CHAPTER 15				20	20
CHAPTER 16				24	24
CHAPTER 17			1	27	28
CHAPTER 18		5	2	71	78
TOTAL VERSES	1	41	85	574	700/701

## Chapter Details

Common Name :	Arjuna Vishada Yoga
Number of Shlokas :	47
Shlokas by :	
Dhritrashtra :	1
Sanjaya :	25
Arjuna :	21
Lord Krishna :	Just one sentence (part of shloka- 25)
Subject Matter :	The indecisiveness & grief of Arjuna, followed by his intense inquisitiveness.

## The First chapter of Gita

However much we protect & insure ourselves from problems & difficulties, they still creep in and exposing our incapacities, ignorance etc shake us up down to the core.

We study, learn and prepare ourself in various ways to prepare for such a life.

But however much we prepare ourself still many a times situations come & shatter our image of ourself and expose our incapacities & ignorance.

Whether Arjuna should fight or not ? Whether it is dharma if one fights unto death with ones own teacher or a reverential relative ? Thus was revealed a profound ignorance, and it was followed by deep grief. Luckily Arjuna had Lord Krishna as his charioteer, and thus began a beautiful dialogue between an illustrious embodiment of knowledge & a sincere seeker..

***Bhagavad Gita is the revelation of the Truth by clarifying all doubts by the super conscious mind.***

***The Gita conversation lasted only for a short while. It was elaborated by Vyasa.***

***Normally 'Vishada***



***ends up in 'Roga' (disease),***

***whereas Arjuna's 'Vishada'***



***ends up finally in 'Yoga' (supreme path).***



# Gita - Chapter 1 Outline

## A. Introduction - preparations for war (1-26)

1-Introduction Of  
The Army  
Commanders  
(1.7-11)

2. Krishna and  
Arjuna blow their  
conches.(1.12-19)  
Duryodhana's  
heart is shattered.

3. Arjuna requests  
Krishna to draw the  
chariot between the  
armies. (1.25)  
Arjuna sees his  
friends and relatives  
in the armies.  
(1.20-26)

B. Arjuna's doubts  
(1.27-46)  
(Some relate to  
Chapter 2 - nos. 2,4,5)

## Five main reasons for not fighting:

### 5 ARGUMENTS OF ARJUNA

1.  
Compassion  
Arjuna's change  
of mind leading  
to **attachment**  
(Raga)  
(1.27- 28)

2.  
Enjoyment - Arjuna  
feels he won't be  
able to enjoy if  
relatives dead  
(1.31-35 & 2.7-8)  
Grief (shoka)

3.  
Destruction of  
family - proper  
religious functions  
will be stopped  
(1.37-43)

4.  
Saintliness and fear of  
sinful reactions - royal  
enjoyment not worth  
the karma for killing  
(1.36, 44-45 & 2.5)

5.  
Indecision -  
which is better-  
conquering or  
being conquered?  
(2.6)

Attachment (Raga)

Grief (shoka)

Delusion (Moha)



## PRIMARY CAUSE OF SORROW

**EGO (AHAMKARA)**

Leads to

**IGNORANCE (Delusion)**

Leads to

**ATTACHMENT ( Raga)**

Leads to

**DESIRE ( Kama/Lust))**

Leads to

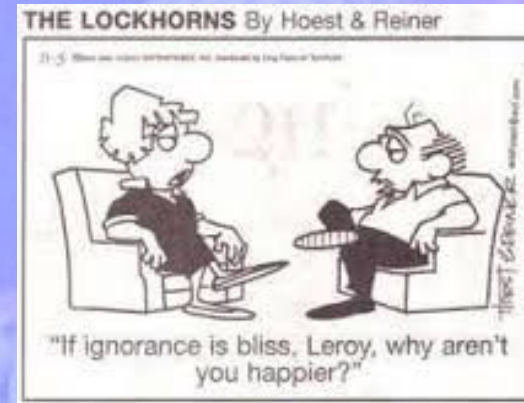
**ACTION (KARMA)**

Leads to

**BIRTH (Janma)**

Leads to

**SORROW (Shoka)**



**Ignorance -->  
confused understanding**

**feeling of "I" and "Mine"  
(ahamkara and mamakara)**

**sorrow and delusion  
(shoka and moha)**

**overpowering of  
discriminative faculty**

**abandoning one's own duty  
(svadharma)**

**adopting alien duty  
(para dharma),**

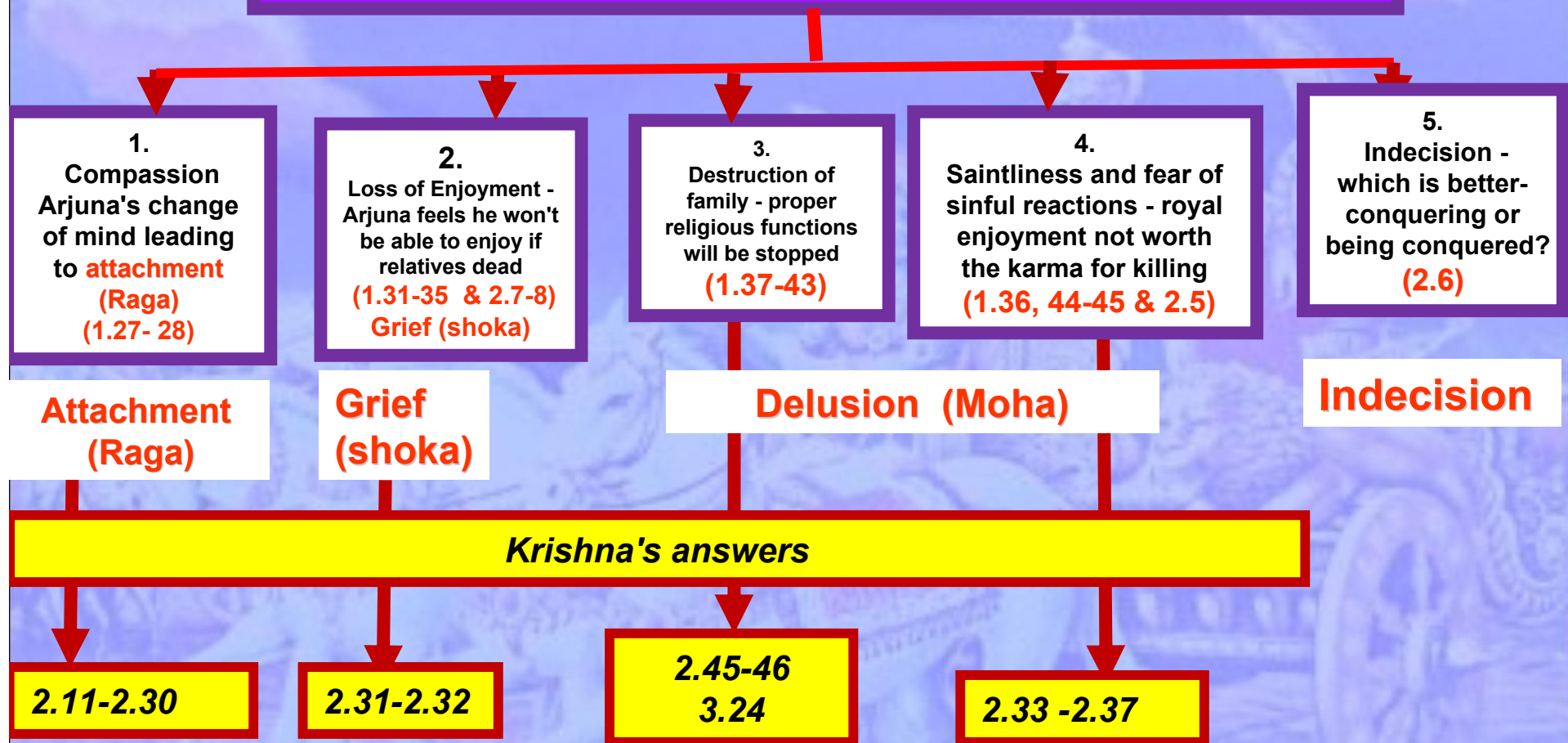
**Arjuna syndrome analyzed**

**even in own duty craving  
for reward and egoism**

**accumulation of merit and  
demerit  
( dharma and adharma)**

**Endless cycle of birth and  
death,samsara,consisting of  
getting the experiences of the  
desirable and the undesirable,  
pleasure and pain.**

**Arjuna's doubts (1.27-46)**  
(Some relate to Chapter 2 - nos. 2,4,5)  
**5 ARGUMENTS OF ARJUNA**





## Attachment (Raga)

## Grief (shoka)

## Delusion (Moha)

## Indecision

### 1. Compassion (1.27- 28)

1.27. Arjuna starts to manifest his distress. Krpaya paraya - a high grade of compassion. 1.28. His feelings of compassion are summed up - it's for his friends and relatives.

### 2. Loss of Enjoyment - Arjuna feels he won't be able to enjoy if relatives dead (1.31-35 & 2.7-8)

1.29-31. How will "good" come from it? 1.32 - 35. Clearly establishes the point that he feels it won't be worth fighting because how can he enjoy on his own. What is the use of having a kingdom if there is no-one there to enjoy it with? What pleasure will he get out of it all?

**Ch 2. 7-8.**  
In 7 Arjuna appears to surrender, but then in 2.8 there appears to be a switch in mood - he no longer seems surrendered

### 3. Destruction of family - proper religious functions will be stopped (1.37-43)

Basic idea is that family unit gives stability to society.

1. Women protected in family situation. (1.40)
2. Good children are produced by stable householders, not varna sankara. (1.40)
3. They get good training in nice environment. (1.41)
4. Ancestors helped through religious activities. (1.41)
5. Community and welfare projects develop. (1.42)
6. Those who destroy family tradition go to hell. (1.43)

Varna sankara (all ksatriyas killed, so who'll protect women and society)

All  
will go to hell

### 4. Saintliness and fear of sinful reactions - royal enjoyment not worth the karma for killing (1.36, 44-45 & 2.5)

36. Arjuna very concerned about reactions, The Kauravas were aggressors.

They had done all 6 things people can be killed for as aggressors:

1. Gave poison cake to Bhima.
2. Set fire to house of lac.
3. Were now attacking with deadly weapons.
4. Were right now occupying Pandava's land.
5. Stole wife.
6. Stole wealth by treacherous means (cheating at dice). 44-45.

Ch. 2.5. Same idea

### 5. Indecision - which is better- conquering or being conquered? (2.6)

Ch. 2.6. He has seemed to be quite convinced about arguments, but actually he isn't.

2.7 He says he's confused, but still he wants to surrender.

2.8 Confused and overwhelmed again.

2.9 Just said (verse 7) that he was surrendered, but now says he won't fight!

Verse 46. Throws his bow aside. Same bow he had said previously that if anyone tells him to put it down he'll kill them.

**The first discourse is “The Despondency of Arjuna.”  
That is where Arjuna begins the process of learning.  
That is where we begin our upward journey.  
He and we will take that journey on the three paths (or margas):**

**1-the path of knowledge  
of who we are and hence  
how to choose  
(jñāna marga),**

**2-the path of devotion to  
the governing intelligence  
of the universe  
(bhakti marga),**

**3-the path of acting  
skillfully without being  
trapped by the  
consequences of our  
action  
(karma marga).**

**Consider the role played in all of our lives (not just in a  
state of clinical despondency but in everyday experience) of**

**1. sense of self-identity  
and purpose,**

**2. faith in providence-  
a beneficent guiding  
intelligence in the  
world, and**

**3.The ability to act confidently  
without being paralyzed by an  
ambitious or neurotic concern  
over results.**

॥ OM TAT SAT ॥



Om- let all the deficiencies of this presentation go away  
Tat- let this give Bhagavan great happiness  
Sat- let this give true lasting benefits

**OM SHANTI**  
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